

REMARKS

Claims 8-12 are pending in the application. Claims 9 and 10 were objected to by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on July 8, 1993 but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8, 11 and 12 stand rejected.

Claim 9 depends upon claim 8 and claim 10 depends upon claim 9. The above resubmitted amendments cancel claims 8, 9, 11 and 12. New claim 13 is responsive to the Examiner's objection to claim 9 and the amendment to claim 10 changes the dependency from cancelled claim 9 to new claim 13.

For the Examiner's convenience, applicant has reproduced claim 13 below with the elements of claim 9 shown in *italics*. As the Examiner will recognize, the remaining portions of claim 13 are identical, word for word, to claim 8:

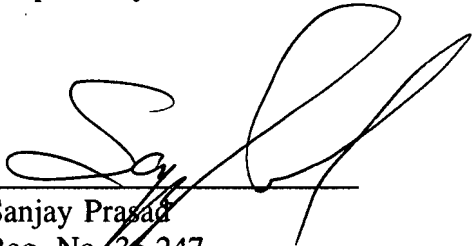
1 13. (New Claim) A method for transmitting data *comprising a sequence of blocks* in
2 encrypted form over a communication link from a transmitter to a receiver comprising, in
3 combination, the steps of:
4 providing a seed value to both said transmitter and receiver,
5 generating a first sequence of pseudo-random key values based on said seed value at
6 said transmitter, each new key value in said sequence being produced at a time dependent
7 upon a predetermined characteristic of the data being transmitted over said link,
8 encrypting the data sent over said link at said transmitter in accordance with said first
9 sequence,
10 generating a second sequence of pseudo-random key values based on said seed value
11 at said receiver, each new key value in said sequence being produced at a time dependent
12 upon said predetermined characteristic of said data transmitted over said link such that said
13 first and second sequences are identical to one another, *a new one of said key values in said*

14 *first and said second sequences being produced each time a predetermined number of said*
15 *blocks are transmitted over said link, and*
16 decrypting the data sent over said link at said receiver in accordance with said second
17 sequence.

As seen above, claim 13 incorporates the elements of claim 9 in their entirety into claim 8. As noted above, claim 9 was indicated as being allowable over the art of record. Claim 13 accordingly is patentable over the art of record for the same reasons which led to allowance of claim 9. The Examiners contention that "proposed claim 13 appears not be patentable over prior art of record" rejects subject matter, without any supporting explanation, which had previously been indicated as being allowable. Because claim 13 fully complied with the Examiner's statements, and raised no new issues, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and entry of claim 13 and the other amendments contained in the response of December 8, 1993 which have been resubmitted herein.

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